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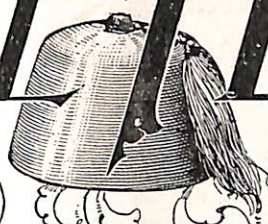

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THE LION OF LUCERNE.
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THE LION OF LUCERNE.

"The model in wood carving is a representation of 'The Lion of Lucerne,' as carved in the native rock, in the city of Lucerne, Switzerland. This most imposing masterpiece of sculpture was made in the year 1821 after a model by Thorwaldsen. It represents a dying Lion protecting with his paw the Bourbon Shield, with the Fleur de Lis on it; his side is pierced by a spear; the expression of pain in the beautifully cut head is touchingly rendered. The lion measures twenty-eight and one-half feet in length, and lies in a grotto that measures fifty-eight feet, cut out of the same high natural rock as the monument itself.

The dying lion is in commemoration of the heroic courage and fidelity of the Swiss Guards, who fell on the 10th of August, 1892, in defending the rights of Louis XVI of France."

We gave this cut and sketch in *The Knight Templar*, September, 1893, and reproduce it here because its suggestive beauty was not shown at its best. See also Annals G. L. Iowa, 1893.

THE FIRST BOOK IN THE LIBRARY.

Died in Muscatine, January 30, last, Mrs. Lucy Ann Jackson, nee Daly.

This brief notice of the death of this worthy lady, estimable in all the noble phases of life, has an interest to the Masons of Iowa, of which the multitude know not. Her husband, (like herself among the pioneers of that city), is not a Mason, but her father was, and from that fact the daughter became indirectly connected with the Grand Lodge of Iowa in its greatest enterprise.

Miss Daly was one of a half dozen young ladies who came to Bloomington, now Muscatine, in the autumn of 1842 and made her home with Mr. Earl, the postmaster of the village, whose wife was a relative (sister, I believe), of hers.

The writer was then the Master of the Lodge (Iowa No. 2), which had been organized the previous year, February 4, 1841, the only other lodge in the territory at that time being Des Moines No. 1, at Burlington, of which the writer had also been a charter member.

One winter evening of 1842–43 the writer called upon the young lady and observed an old book upon the table, which, upon inspection, he found to be the "Maryland Ahimon Rezon," a reprint of the "old Constitutions of the Freemasons." Noticing the interest her caller took in the book she volunteered to loan it to him. A year later when she had married Mr. Alexander Jackson, a young business man of the town and a friend of the writer, she gave the precious volume to the writer, remarking as we well remember, "the book belonged to my father, who was a Mason; my husband is not and may not become one (he never did), while you seem to have very much prized the volume, and I will take much pleasure in asking you to accept it with my compliments." Of course it was accepted and with many thanks, for while the writer had heard and read of the "Old Constitutions" this was the first, and at that time (1843), only copy he had ever seen.

This book was destined to play an important part in the Masonic drama of Iowa. Much of the reputation of the writer as a Masonic jurist is traceable to that now famous volume as he memorized the whole "book of the law."

A year later the four lodges (for two more had been added) united in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the owner of the book became its Grand Secretary, as he has ever been; and imbued from childhood with a love of books, and a librarian born (as poets are), he founded the *Grand Lodge*, now "Iowa Masonic Library" with and upon that *single* volume, for, like the widow and her mite, it was the only Masonic work he had and none of his associates had as much, aside from the "Charts," as the text books were called.

As little grains of sand make the mountains and little drops of water the mighty ocean, so has that then obscure volume, now the "observed of all observers," (for it is kept in a conspicuous case open to public view), grown into a grand, the grandest indeed, Masonic Library in all the land, and its light illumines all the earth.

Is it not well therefore that the Masons of Iowa should unite with their Librarian in paying a tribute to the memory of the good woman whose generous liberality cast forth the seed that has germinated to bear fruit to thousands ?

T. S. PARVIN.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 4, 1896.

THANKS RETURNED.

To Grand Secretary Parvin, for the souvenirs of china and glass from the Library. These are among the most beautiful and useful of keepsakes and every Mason in Iowa should get them. Prices range from 25 to 75 cents per piece.

To Brother H. M. Myers, Secretary Minneapolis Lodge No. 19, for a copy of his annual report, showing his Lodge's membership at present to be 803. Also for notice of special conclave of Zion Commandery No. 2, K. T.

To the Masonic Publishing and Supply Company, New York, for a Masonic directory of New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City and suburbs. Neat and handy.

To Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus, O., for an invitation to attend the reception to R. E. Grand Commander McCune, Jan. 31, 1896.

To Comp. Chas. Cary, M. E. Grand Sec'y, for the official list of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

To the Mondamin Hotel Co., Sioux City, for their souvenir of the Mondamin and New Oxford hotels of that city.

To Brother Chas. A. Nesbitt, Sec'y, for the fifth annual report of the Masonic Home of Virginia for 1895.

To Gil. W. Barnard, for the catalogue of Oriental Consistory, Chicago, Nos. 113 to 191.

To Comp. Wm. B. Isaacs Jr., Grand Sec'y, for the Proceedings of 1895, of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., of Virginia.

To R. E. James B. Blanks, Grand Recorder, for the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery K. T., 1895, of Virginia.

To V. E. Wm. H. Mayo, 33° Grand Recorder, for the Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Triennial, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27–30, 1895, Grand Encampment of the U. S.

To the author, for a copy of "The Irish Prince and Hebrew Prophet" from the press of the Masonic Publishing Company, New York; an interesting story of the times of the prophet Jeremiah.

IN LINE OF EXCHANGE.

Brother W. P. Dickinson, Dayton Building, Minneapolis, Minn., has a set of Iowa Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1844–92, for sale. Write him, he wants an offer.

Brother Wm. Elsom, Cedar Rapids, wants '78, '79, '82–4–8, and '91, Grand Chapter Iowa O. E. S. Also offers $1.00 each for originals of Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1844, '46, '47, '51, '53, '58.

We Want:—Proceedings Imperial Council N. M. S., No. 1, 13, 14 to 19 years. 50 cents per year offered. Also Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Iowa, for 1877, '78, '79, '82 to '86, '91, '93.

We have For Sale:—Five bound copies of the Iowa Freemason and Knight Templar, Vol. 1 and 2, cloth, plain. Bound in one volume. Price $2.50 each, carriage free.

Iowa G. L. Proceedings, 1855–56; '71, '72, '73, '83, '84, '86, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, by J. W. Geiger.

The *Texas Freemason* favors *pro rata* representation in Grand Lodge bodies in that state. 'Tis the right thing, let it come.

[From the Report on Fraternal Correspondence in Iowa Grand Lodges.]

CORRESPONDENCE GLEANINGS.

"The great army of non-affiliates in all Grand Jurisdictions of the United States is an evidence that iron-clad regulations to force membership are not a success, wherein enacted for the accomplishment of the desired end. As compulsory membership in all jurisdictions in which it has been enforced has not had the effect of lessening the evil, the inference is therefore plain that the solution of the question has not yet been accomplished. And one of the greatest factors in that connection is excessive annual dues. Better far have larger fees for the degrees, if the result is even fewer members, with but nominal annual dues, than the ever increasing list of unaffiliated and expelled members due to that cause. Expulsion for non-payment of dues, by its becoming of such common occurrence, has only had the effect, in some respects at least, of detracting from the dread of the dishonor or stigma usually attached to that punishment.

"Indefinite suspension or striking from the roll would, in the end, doubtless be more effective, and certainly more in accordance with the fraternal teachings of Freemasonry, and in this connection also a provision for the establishment of 'a membership at large,' with appropriate dues therefor, to be used by the Grand Lodge in its charities for those brethren who for many causes do not wish to affiliate with a lodge within whose jurisdiction they may reside, would, in the opinion of your committee, be an effort in the right direction to lessen the evil."

—Ohio.

"We have always tenaciously defended the right of dimit. We are inclined to believe however, that we should let go a little. One clause of the new law permits a member to withdraw from membership, and he becomes a non-affiliate without a dimit. The latter provision we do not like. If the law without this provision is right, then the addition detracts from its true purpose. If wrong, it is, of course, all wrong."

—South Dakota.

"My only child, a son, twenty years old, bright, intelligent, and industrious, can never be made a Mason in Utah. He lost his right hand by an accident while out hunting. It brought darkness to my happy home. But I have reason to believe that 'a merciful Father has lifted the cloud.' The young man is now in the Stanford University studying law, and judging from reports he is doing exceedingly well. It changed his career, but it may have been for the best. The future will tell."

—Utah.

"*Resolved*, That physical ability to earn a livelihood and to conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies of Masonry, and be instructed in its mysteries, is all that is required, providing the candidate possesses the higher qualifications of a belief in God, of mental worth, and the record of a moral and upright life; that this interpretation of the ancient charges and regulations is not inconsistent with the true spirit of the Masonic institution, but in keeping with its sublime teachings from time immemorial."

—Vermont.

"A Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry has a right to protect itself against all assailants of its peace, its honor, and its dignity, coming from any quarter, and it is its privilege, as well as duty, to give due and timely warnings against all appearances of evil within its borders—warnings against the sowing, even, of the seeds of strife and dissension, which might grow into 'entangling alliances,' fruitful of the greatest mischief, if not totally destructive of that harmony and brotherly love which should characterize all good Masons."

—Washington.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL	Iowa City.	GRAND MASTER
Willis S. Gardner	Clinton.	Senior Grand Warden
W. L. Ehlers	Correctionville.	Junior Grand Warden
H. T. Blackburn	Des Moines.	Grand Treasurer
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.	Grand Secretary

APPOINTED.

H. B. Wyman	Sheldon.	Deputy Grand Master
N. R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.	Deputy Grand Secretary
Rev. Jas. Edmundson	Marshalltown.	Grand Chaplain
O. P. Worsley	Red Oak.	Senior Grand Deacon
J. H Cable	Danville.	Junior Grand Deacon
G. W. Lipe	Council Bluffs.	Senior Grand Steward
J. H. Valentine	Mason City.	Junior Grand Steward
O. W. Treman	Newton.	Grand Marshal
Theodore Schreiner	Mt Pleasant.	Grand Sentinel

CUSTODIANS.

C. T Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B. Van Saun, (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

11. A member of a lodge who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and dies while under suspension, is not entitled to Masonic burial.

12. A lodge cannot receive a petition for the degrees from a candidate who has not resided one year in this state.

13. A brother who has been elected to membership in a lodge, he and both lodges interested, having complied with the provisions of Sections 207 and 208, of the Code, becomes a member of such lodge before signing the constitution.

14. An Entered Apprentice who was elected and received the 1st degree, prior to the adoption of the Constitution and Code in June, 1888, now desiring to receive the 2d and 3d degrees, must be elected thereto by unanimous ballot.

15. A brother who has been suspended or expelled, and afterwards restored to membership in his lodge, can not be required to pay dues while under sentence of suspension or expulsion.

16. A brother holding a dimit from a subordinate lodge in another state, and residing in the jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge in this state, may be tried and punished by such lodge for Masonic offenses.

17. A brother holding a dimit from a lodge in this state, can not be re-elected to membership in such lodge, while he is a resident of another state.

18. A brother who has become insane can not be suspended for non-payment of dues while under such disability.

19 The Grand Master can not grant a dispensation to receive a petition for the degrees from a candidate who has not resided one year in this state, nor from one who is not twenty-one years of age, nor to receive and ballot on a petition at the same meeting, nor to ballot on a petition at a special meeting.

20. A special assessment, or any assessment except for annual dues, made by a lodge upon its members is void, and the collection of such an assessment can not be enforced by suspension.

21. A dimitted Mason can not visit a lodge, but if under charges for un-Masonic conduct, he may enter the lodge at the time of his trial for the purpose of making defense to the charges.

22. A lodge cannot receive a petition for the degrees from a man who has lost either foot or either hand.

23. A man who has no fixed place of residence is not eligible to receive the degrees in a lodge in this state.

24. A Mason holding a dimit issued prior to the enactment of the present law governing dimits, may join in forming a new lodge, and become one of its charter members.

25. There is no Masonic communication existing between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and

a member of a lodge subordinate to the former, can not visit a subordinate lodge in Iowa.

26. A Mason holding a dimit from a lodge in another state, must be a *bona fide* resident of this state, before he can petition a lodge in this state for membership, but no definite time of residence is required.

P. S. For former decisions, see this Journal, Page 295, Nov. 1895. Price 10 cents.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I reached home on Saturday evening, the 1st inst., after having visited Beaman, Dallas, Barnes, Rhodes and Williams. At the latter place the brethren are about starting a new lodge, and from what I could learn, a good strong lodge will be the result. My list of appointments for February and March is as follows, viz:

Shenandoah, Feb. 19, 20 and 21.
Red Oak, Feb 22, 24 and 25.
Orient, Feb. 26 and 27.
Sioux City, March 3, 4 and 5.
Le Mars, March 6 and 7.
Moville, March 9 and 10.
Kingsley, March 11 and 12.
Early, March 13 and 14.
Smithland, March 16 and 17.
Eldora, March 24 and 25.
Montezuma, March 26 27 and 28.
Rose Hill, March 30 and 31.

It is quite likely that some of the dates above may be changed so as to more fully accommodate the brethren at places named.

The following calls have been received but no definite time or dates have been assigned to them, viz: Hedrick, Radcliffe, Albia, Hillsboro, Tracy, Dunlap, Green, Storm Lake, Maxwell, Malvern, Murray, Baxter, Strawberry Point and Ainsworth. I shall do my best to reach all the places named, provided health and strength will hold out favorably. Holding two or three meetings each day while out on a trip and the evening session lasting from three to four hours, makes a man desirous of reaching home to take a rest. It is always gratifying to me, however, that the brethren seem to enjoy my visitations, and this lightens the labor very much.

I can discover much improvement among the lodges so far as work and lectures are concerned; not only in that respect, but fully as much or more in the general character of the members and their surroundings.

May the pure principles of our institution find a lasting lodgment in the heart and life of every member.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN, V. C.

THE LODGES.

Emerald Lodge No. 334, A. F. & A. M., elected officers Dec. 31, 1895, as follows:

W. M.—W. W. Taylor.
S. W.—R. W. Sayre.
J. W.—W. R. Laybourn.
Treas.—R. M. Finlayson.
Sec'y.—S. H. Knapp.
S. D.—W. D. Wells.
J. D.—D. M. Moser.
S. S.—John Cutts.
J. S.—A. M. Ivins.
Treas.—U. H. Eaton.

Installed by special dispensation Jan. 14, 1896. The Lodge is in good working order and has a membership of fifty-seven, and the prospects are good for considerable work this year.

From Brother G. H. Peck we hear that Naphtalia Lodge 188, South English, has had a steady growth since a visit by the editor a couple of years ago. Seven petitions were on hand (Jan. 6) with prospects for more. The following are the officers for this year:

W. M.—W. W. Newsome.
S. W.—G. H. Peck.
J. W.—W. H. Smith.

They are now out of the woods. Peace and harmony prevails.

The officers of Pilot Lodge 467, Rolfe, were elected and installed Jan. 27, (St. John's day), as follows:

W. M.—W. F. Bright.
S. W.—C. H. Beam.
J. W.—W. P. Wheeler.
Sec'y.—S. H. Kerr.
Treas.—H. A. Lind.

They had a public installation with the O. E. S. Chapter. After the ceremonies, a short address was delivered by Brother Phoenix, music, declamations, select readings and songs followed. A sumptuous banquet was served at which about two hundred Masons and their families were entertained.

From Brother L. G. Hall, of Coggon, we receive good news of Mecca Lodge 523. They have held their own. An E. A., who was initiated 26 years ago, was (Jan. 29) about to be passed and raised. Their officers for 1896 are:

W. M.—D. H. Holcomb.
S. W.—H. M. Sheldon.
J. W.—A. J. Clemons.
Treas.—L. W. Burt.
Sec'y.—F. W. Booth.

Thanks for a copy of Roster and Directory.

Among the Lodges of Iowa the Kellogg is doing its quiet and loyal work.

Diamond Lodge 422, of Vail, Ia., issues a neat card giving the regular meeting night for each month in the year.

Keystone Lodge No. 206, Wyoming, under the Mastership of Brother E. M. Babcock, is showing every evidence of permanence and growth. A pleasant lecture engagement was filled there Jan. 21, 1896.

The members of Marion Lodge No. 6, presented their Worshipful Master with a handsome apron on January 13. Refreshments were served at the home of Worshipful Master Bell, after the presentation.

Keosauqua Lodge by the largest vote for years, re-elected, after a sharp contest, all of its officers. Hugh B. Sloan is W. M.

It was our pleasure to participate in a lecture, reception and banquet, with the brethren of Independence Lodge, on January 18.

The Lodge at Geneva is leading off in a series of popular lectures, one of which was delivered by the writer January 17, 1896, on "Young America," with a Masonic section in it.

GRACEFULLY RETIRE.

It is an honor and a compliment to be elected, installed and inducted into any office in the gift of any Masonic body, Grand or Subordinate. It is something to be desired and possibly (with great modesty) to be sought after. When so exalted it is honorable to rule with dignity, urbanity and firmness. It is a pleasure to obey "the will and pleasure," or any "order" of any presiding officer who has individuality and culture enough to *fill* his office. When his year is out (unless great exigencies exist), one term is enough, the noble and accomplished officer passes quietly to a seat among his brethren and ceases thereafter to rule or think he ought to have any greater right than any other member. It is his duty and privilege after his successor is duly elected and installed, to "gracefully retire." Here is great room for distinction, though many have "erred therein" and found only *extinction* by trying to "run things" after they had ceased to be in authority.

LIBRARY SOUVENIRS.

We call especial attention to the beautiful china, glass, aluminum and bronze souvenirs on sale at the Masonic Library in this city. They cannot fail to please the most sensitive taste for the beautiful. They are intended to be sold and the proceeds used to buy additional art pieces for the Library.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, FEBRUARY, 1896.

We are glad to hear the discussion of the chances of a Masonic Club for Cedar Rapids, for whether El-Kahir, The Templars, or the Scottish Rite backs it, it will to all intents and purposes be a Masonic Club. Let it be organized. Hundreds of Pilgrims would be glad to know that we had a place of the kind where they might call to see us.

A Master Mason in Iowa may petition ANY lodge in the jurisdiction for membership therein, and the transfer certificate be procured therefor, whether he moves from one place to another or not. There'll likely be some moving done under this just decision of our M. W. G. M., on the meaning of the law in Sec. 207–8, of the Code.

Our regrets must be expressed to the large number of Masonic bodies, whom we could not reach in answer to calls for lectures. We see the need but fail to have the time to meet them.

Thanks to those of our exchanges who are pleased to compliment our growth. We feel anxious to do much more, but do not dare to fly higher than we can roost.

Texas has no Grand Lodge Library.

We will inform our esteemed contemporary, *The Trestleboard*, where he was off, in our next number, if we get time to look it up.

If the *American Tyler* does not desist from calling the wise and poetical effusions of our own T. R. Ercanbrack, (in his correspondence views on the P. M. Degree) "rot," he'll be taken without the gates and executed according to his "*imprecations.*" Now min' out!

A few hours among old friends in Oskaloosa were spent all too quickly on Jan. 7.

A PROMPT ACTION.

The Order of Railway Conductors of America, whose Grand officers are located in Cedar Rapids, has shown commendable and fraternal promptness in paying to the widow of Thomas A. Burbank, the full amount of his benefit, $4,000, within twenty-seven days of his death. The widow has expressed her appreciation of this expeditious action in words that will undoubtedly favorably commend the order to general favor. Mr. M. Clancy is the Grand Secretary and the benefit was conveyed to Mrs. Burbank through Messrs. A. W. Bell and C. E. Mitchell as local representatives of the order.

The Official Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, by the hand of R. W., Brother A. M. Wolihm, Grand Secretary, are before us.

From Charles E. Walters & Co., we have their directory of Associate Attorneys for 1896. It presents a plan of co-operative collecting through legitimate attorneys, that commends its wisdom to one at a glance.

Once again Garden City Lodge No. 141, of Chicago, presents us with the annual address of the Master, the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, and a roster of officers and members. Membership at date, Dec. 18, 1895, 515.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Marshalltown, Oct. 15, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

L. T. WELD ..... GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Nevada.

Max. Beehler ..... Deputy Grand High Priest
Manchester.

W. D. Irvine ..... Grand King
Sioux City.

W. F. Cleveland ..... Grand Scribe
Harlan.

R. F. B. Portman ..... Grand Treasurer
Decorah.

Alf. Wingate ..... Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER ..... Grand Chaplain
Marion.

H. H. Barnard ..... Grand Captain of the Host
Elkader.

R. J. Crouch ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
DeWitt.

W. W. Montgomery ..... Grand Royal Arch Captain
Red Oak.

F. M. Thompson ..... Grand Master of the Third Vail
Rock River.

F. M. Dance ..... Grand Master of the Second Vail
Missouri Valley.

N. T. Hendrix ..... Grand Master of the First Vail
Columbus Junction.

Theo. Schreiner ..... Grand Guard
Mt. Pleasant.

The officers in the Grand Council in a Royal Arch Chapter in England are called by the Biblical names of Joshua, Haggai and Zerubbabel, instead of High Priest, King and Scribe.

In England the Royal Arch degree is not the seventh, but the fourth, and may be conferred immediately after raising a Master Mason. Mark and Past Masters are side degrees, and there is no such thing as Most Excellent.

Moore Chapter No. 23 installed Companion Oscar McCrary as High Priest for ensuing year.

The Oskaloosa Globe, of Jan. 4, published a life-like portrait of Judge Dewey, with a resume of the "Conklin murder trial" going on in the court of Oklahoma.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. B. LACY ..... GRAND COMMANDER
Council Bluffs.

T. R. Ercanbrack ..... Deputy Commander
Anamosa.

F. H. Loring ..... Grand Generalissimo
Oskaloosa.

Geo. W. Bever ..... Grand Captain General
Cedar Rapids.

John W. Geiger ..... Grand Prelate
Marion.

J. H. Pettibone ..... Grand Senior Warden
Burlington.

D. M. Brownlee ..... Grand Junior Warden
Sioux City.

E. B. Shaw ..... Grand Treasurer
West Union.

Alf. Wingate ..... Grand Recorder
Des Moines.

F. E. Fuller ..... Grand Standard Bearer
Jefferson.

Alex. Peddie ..... Grand Sword Bearer
Emmettsburg.

W. W. Straight ..... Grand Warder
Atlantic.

Theodore Shreiner ..... Grand Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

DECEASED FRATERS.

THOMAS A. BURBANK.

We were called upon to assist in paying the last tribute of knightly courtesy to this valiant Knight Templar on January 9, 1896. His death occurred in Chicago, where he had gone to undergo another operation, and his burial at Marion, Iowa, under the direction of Patmos Commandery No. 27. A large number of visiting Knights and his home Blue Lodge were in attendance. He was a Noble of El-Kahir Temple, and well liked by all who knew him.

PAUL A. NANDELL.

Another of the well-known Templars of Iowa and a member of El-Kahir Temple was called away by death on January 20, 1896. He was buried at his home in West Union with Knightly honors, as the following shows:

"West Union, Jan. 27.—The funeral of Paul A Nandell, for fifteen years one of West Union's leading business men, occurred under direction of Langridge commandery, No. 47, K. T., of which organization deceased was Past Commander.

The funeral was attended by about 150 Knights Templar and Blue Lodge Masons and was the largest of its kind ever held in this city. Rev. Gammons preached a timely discourse at the M. E. church, after which came the beautiful ritual service of the Knights Templar. Deceased will be sadly missed, not alone in the home but in the business circles of West Union. He was born in Berlin, Prussia, in 1844. A wife and three children survive him."

HARRY T. MILLIKEN.

Iowa Masons of all degrees remember the genial frater whose name appears above. He died in Chicago Jan. 27, 1896. He was a member and Past Commander of Patmos Commandery 27, of Marion, also a dimitted member of El-Kahir Temple N. M. S. His funeral was held at Dakotah, Ill., his boyhood home. Rev. Sir W. A. Waterman, D. D., conducted the service. The funeral was non-Masonic, though the family offered the privilege to Patrons, but circumstances suggested the course pursued.

Beautiful floral pieces were presented.

The following Knights came from the west, by special car provided by the management of the C. M. and St. P. From Patmos Commandery:—Past Commanders Geo. B. Owen, Geo. E. Fullerton, Jno. W. Geiger, and P. D. Humphrey; also Sir Knights W. J. Collar, T. J. Davis, W. B. Wells, F. H. Hilliard, E. I. Alderman, C. W. Dumont, C. S. Berry, J. J. Smyth, H. C. Marshall, J. B. Smalley, E. G. Drury, and J. S. Love. From other Commanderies were Sir S. G. Lund and wife, of Omaha, Neb.; Sirs A. L. Bartholomew and A. W. Sines of Tancred Commandery No. 40, beside a large number of Templars and Masons from Illinois.

A special train was provided for the funeral from Chicago, and the occasion of his burial in the quiet country place was a most tender and impressive lesson to all who were there. It is due to Sir C. E. Mitchell to say that he was to have been of the company but by some accident he missed the train and was left behind.

THE NEW YEAR.

Another year invades our life,
Turned o'er another page;
Farewell! thou past with many blots,
Mourned o'er by Youth and Age.

To-day with resolutions new,
We penitently pray
For more of Charity divine,
And unity alway.

Clouds will bear down disturbing
The best Masonic day;
But "wait with patience," brothers,
They all will clear away!

To err is human, speech is swift,
Not always as the heart;
Truth comes at last like daybreak,
And Justice plays her part.

Considerate be in all thy acts,
Thy every pledge revere;
And who then more than Masons,
Enjoy the bright New Year.

T. S. OADAMS.

Keosauqua, January, 1896.

A PLEASANT EPISODE.

A PORTRAIT OF THE LATE C. W. EATON PRESENTED TO APOLLO COMMANDERY.

A very pleasant little episode marked the meeting of Apollo Commandery Jan. 10, it being the presentation of a very fine portrait of the late Cyrus W. Eaton, who was a Past Commander of Apollo Commandery. The presentation speech was made by Past Commander Marcus M. Hall, on behalf of Sir Knight George R. Skinner, to whom the Commandery is indebted for the portrait. The portrait was accepted by Commander N. R. Parvin. The response was made by Past Commander C. H. Cogswell. —C. R. Rep.

ED. FREEMASON AND FEZ:

Rev. T. S. Oadams entertained the Sir Knights of El-Chanan Commandery No. 28, and their ladies at a luncheon at the Congregational parsonage, Keosauqua, on his installation as Eminent Commander. The toast list proved a happy one, and the occasion a stimulus to the large company present. Sir Knight A. Wilkins retires after nine years of efficient service, from the E. C.'s position. He was elected Prelate.

GUESTS OF GERARD COMMANDERY, PERRY.

The elegant reception given by the Knights Templar, Feb. 6, was the social event of the season. There is an atmosphere of cordial hospitality which seems to pervade the cozy apartments of the Knights as all who have visited them will testify. The gentlemen and ladies who constituted the happy party that evening, included the following Sir Knights and their wives: T. J. Gilbert, J. J. Brown, W. H. Chandler, O. F. Roddan, John Law, L. Gill, H. J. Holmes, E. Coltrin, F. Dodson, John Runyan, S. O. Conger, James Storer, Allen Breed, Geo. Bartholomew, C. D. Ogden, John R. Swearingen, M. Ammerman, A. E. Willis, H. B. Brown, E. R. Aiken, W. B. Brown. The following Sir Knights and their ladies: John Fultz, Oscar Woods, John Rolleston, H. H. Davis. Visiting Sir Knights and wives: Chas. Grassell, J. W. Gemmill, E. W. Biggs, Geo. N. Bandy. Invited guests present, gentlemen and wives, were as follows: F. M. Hoeye, S. E. Carroll, C. L. Lane, W. H. McCammon, H. A. Rouse, D. J. Pattee, G. R. Morrison, A. S. Holmes, C. E. Walker, A. L. Brown, N. E. Hart, W. S. Templeton, W. W. Cardell, John Starr, John Shortley, E. O. Kinser, Ira Hurless, H. L. Thomas, James Wimmer, G. L. Whipple, T. H. White, Eli Brotherson, W. B. Robinson, E. A. Tryon, Fred Craft, of Woodward; also Mesdames H. P. Ward, L. Courtney, Gardner M. Breed, J. T. De Land, C. B. Blue, Jerome Bunker, of Milwaukee. Misses Heightshoe, Ebner, DeLand, Kelsey, Waltz, Gamble, Gill, Ammerman, Aiken, French, Gill, Harter, Winkler and Fuller of Woodward; Kitty Paul, of Hutchinson, Minn. Messrs. Coltrin, Stockwell, Morgan, Harvey, Aiken, Taylor and Davis, and Kinney of Jamaica.

From Sir Alf. Wingate, Grand Recorder, we receive the Directories of Commanderies and Chapters of Iowa for 1896.

A. A. S. R.

There are Consi-torial bodies of this Rite at Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Des Moines and Davenport.

The following officers were installed Jan. 15, in Des Moines Consistory No. 3, Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Valley of Des Moines, Orient of Iowa, by Buren Robinson Sherman 33°, Inspector General, assisted by Sir Darius Frank Callender, 32°, Acting Grand Marshal of Ceremonies.

George Fairburn, 32°, Commander-in-Chief.

Frederick Elmer Redhead, 32°, Ill. First Lieut. Com.

J. Willard Russell, 32°, Ill. Second Lieutenant Com.

John Michael Mehan, 32°, Ill. Grand Chancellor.

Frederick Charles McCartney, 32°, Ill. Grand Minister of State.

Dalton Edgar Perkins, 32° Ill. Grand Hospitaller.

Richard M. Coleman, 32°, Ill. Grand Registrar.

Joseph Gage Rounds, 32°, Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Rev. Irving McElroy, 32°, Ill. Grand Prelate.

John C. Macy, 32°, Ill. Grand Master Ceremonies.

Dalton Edgar Perkins, 32°, Ill. Grand Sen. Expert.

Jesse W. Cheek, 32°, Ill. Grand Junior Expert.

Frank Delano Wetherell, 32°, Ill. Grand Standard Bearer.

John B. Kemp, 32°, Ill. Grand Capt. Guard.

Granville B. Wicks, 32°, Ill. Grand Sentinel.

The notice for the Midwinter reunion and work meeting of the Lodge, Council and Chapter of the Rite in Columbus, O., has reached us. The time was Feb. 6 and 7, 1896.

THE STRAIGHT OF IT.

PROCEEDINGS N. M. J. SUPREME COUNCIL.

As a result of complaint of Bro. E. T. Carson about the character of notices of some Shrine bodies, the Scottish Rite bodies were warned not to permit the buildings or any part of them, to be used to harbor any organization that violates the obligation of decency and decorum, either in its conduct or publications, but this was not intended to force them to cancel any existing lease or contract with any tenant. September 17–19, 1896.

By the kindness of Illustrious E. A. Wadleigh 32°, Recorder of De Molay, No. 1, we have received (after the fact), one of the beautiful notices of the Consistorial meetings held at Lyons, 27th Annual, Jan. 28–31, 1896.

Already, preparations are going forward for the triennial at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1898.

We are in receipt of a neat directory of the Masonic bodies of Des Moines.

The Masonic Library was thrown open to the public on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15. It was doubly interesting, as many additions to the library have been made, and it was Dr. Parvin's seventy-ninth birthday.

This is the only Masonic journal in Iowa. It is yours, help it along.

The anti-Masonic law of Austria, in force for a century, has been repealed.

Man is a good deal like a fish. You know the fish would never get into very serious trouble if it kept its mouth shut.

In West Virginia when an E. A. or F. C. is stopped it becomes the duty of the lodge to try him on the charge required to be filed, and if the applicant is acquitted he is advanced over the protest. West Virginia Masons are merciful and—just.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

MRS. JENNIE RULE	Mason City.	GRAND MATRON
E. B. DYKE	Charles City.	GRAND PATRON
Mrs. M. B. Rathbun	Clinton.	Associate Matron
Jno. W. Geiger	Marion.	Associate Patron
Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs.	Grand Secretary
Mrs. E. L. Houghton	Red Oak.	Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Delia Meredith	Newton.	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Adamson	Le Mars.	Associate Grand Conductress

APPOINTED.

MRS. BADER	Clinton.	GRAND CHAPLAIN
Mrs. Luella Usry	Des Moines	Adah
Mrs. G. F. Claycomb	Farragut.	Ruth
Miss Nellie Harris	New Hampton.	Esther
Mrs. Alice Randall	Algona.	Martha
Mrs. Stone	Columbia.	Electa
Mrs. Kate D. Allin	Iowa City.	Warder
Theodore Shreiner	Mt. Pleasant.	Sentinel

OUR GRAND MATRON.

Mrs. Jennie Rule, our Grand Matron, has been "in labors more abundant." She has visited twenty-five chapters up to Feb. 4; has granted dispensations to the five noted elsewhere, and had petitions for four more. She is meeting her expectations in regard to the progress of the work. There is a generally good condition of affairs in Iowa, and she feels greatly encouraged. She aims to visit every chapter in Iowa this term. Her visit to Marion 183, was pleasant and profitable, and bodes good to this young body of workers. While here she was privileged to visit and inspect the magnificent Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, and to meet the officers of Cedar 184, at dinner with the Associate Matron, Mrs. Elsom, at the Bever farm house. From Marion the Grand Matron went to Anamosa, and thence to Marengo. On the 6th inst, she met her deputies at Marshalltown for a day of counsel and instruction.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS.

This month the Chapters come forward with a large amount of news, and we do our best to give all the room possible for the same.

Cedar 184, is rushing forward and is now beyond the fifties in membership, while

Marion 183, is coming finely forward, with no less enthusiasm.

Davenport Chapter, No. 178, O. E. S., held their installation of officers at Masonic Temple on Jan. 13, Mrs. Lottie B. Maclan, the retiring worthy matron, acting as installing officer. The list of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:

W. M.—Miss Linnie Risley.
W. P.—R. R. Henderson.
A. M.—Mrs. Sarah Verder.
Treas.—Mrs. Clara Reimers.
Sec'y.—Miss Hannah Nabstedt.
Conductress—Mrs. Margaret Hender.
A. C.—Mrs. Emma Hageboeck.
Adah—Miss Fannie Young.
Ruth—Miss Grace Balch.
Esther—Miss Jessie Risley.
Martha—Miss Alvina Nabstedt.
Electa—Miss Lydia Reimers.
Warden—Mrs. Emma Bear.
Sentinel—John Hageboeck.
Chaplain—W. H. Hender.

This flourishing chapter owes a great deal to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Maclan, through whose instrumentality it was organized in April last with twenty-four members and by whose efficient work as worthy matron it is launched upon its second year with a membership of fifty, and a nice balance in the treasury.

Harmony Chapter No. 25, Council Bluffs, held its installation of officers New Year's eve. D. G. Matron and G. Treasurer, Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, acting as installing officer, and Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maria Jackson, as Marshal. The affair was public to the Masonic fraternity and their friends, and was a success in every particular. After the close of the ceremony refreshments were served, and a general, good and social time indulged in until the many steam whistles announced another year was born, when all joined in wishing each other a Happy New Year.

The following officers will fill the various positions to which they have been chosen:

W. Matron—Mrs. M. Duquette.
W. Patron—Andrew McMillen.
Asst. Matron—Mrs. Barbara Tucker.
Sec'y.—Miss Emma Potter.
Treas.—Mrs. Alice Cooper.
Cond.—Mrs. H. A. Messmore.
Asst. Cond.—Mrs. Salina Bell.
Chaplain—Mrs. Genevieve Slichter.
Adah—Mrs. Carrie Van Fossen.
Ruth—Mrs. Clara Ward.
Esther—Miss Mary McMillan.
Martha—Miss Jennie Pile.
Electa—Mrs. Adams.
Warden—Mrs. Lucinda Bennett.
Sentinel—S. S. Nash.
Organist—Mrs. M. Jackson.

The new Grand Matron of Iowa, Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, is proving herself the right person in the right place, and has taken hold of the work in a manner that wins for her the hearty good will of all with whom she comes in contact.

GRUNDY CENTER, Ia., Feb. 11, '96.

John Westley Geiger,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—As you wish items from O. E. S. Chapters of the state, I will send you the list of officers of Ruth Chapter No. 155, located at this place:

W. M.—Mrs. Laura A. Knapp.
W. P.—Chas. W. Reynolds.
A. M.—Mrs. Libbie L. Cutts.
Sec'y.—Mrs. Anna B. Wheaton.
Treas.—Mrs. Pauline M. Ivins.
Cond.—Mrs. Lydia W. Crouse.
Asst. Cond.—Mrs. Frances Wilson.
Adah—Mrs. Mary J. Eaton.
Ruth—Miss Margaret L. DuBoise.

Esther—Mrs. Emma J. Beckman.
Martha—Miss Etta Mills.
Electa—Mrs. Anna M. Stark.
Warder—Mrs. Mary J. Lillibridge.
Sentinel—Mr. U. H. Eaton.
Chaplain—Mrs Sarah L. McCoy.
Marshal—Mrs. Janette Finlayson.
Organist—Mrs. Annie C. Lynn.

Charter dated Oct. 3, 1894. The membership numbers forty-eight. The regular meeting is Wednesday evening, on or before full moon each month. It is a live, up to date Chapter, with good working officers and members, and bids fair to have considerable work in the near future and during the present year. ***

OTTUMWA CHAPTER.

THE LADIES GAVE A GRAND SOCIAL AND BANQUET.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyable social events of the winter was given by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, Monday evening, in a grand social and banquet. It was installation night; there were fifteen officers installed. Mrs. Emma Capell, retiring W. M., officiated as installing officer, and having the work well memorized, it was both a beautiful and impressive ceremony. To each of the points of the star, who represent our heroines, after their duties had been assigned them, she presented a beautiful floral offering, at the same time giving the emblematic colors by reciting a very pretty and appropriate poem, which also added much to the work.

Miss Laura Murray, P. Cond., officiated as Installing Marshal. She also had her work memorized, and executed it with ability and promptness, adding very much to the beauty and impressiveness of the work. After the work the present and past officers were escorted in a body to the banquet hall (which was brightly illuminated), and following them came the Chapter and friends who were seated at long tables heavily laden with all the good things one would care to look upon or could partake of. It was such a repast as reflected much credit on the lady stars who prepared it. Taken altogether the Eastern Star social was a grand success, and will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure to attend.'

"E. S."

NEW CHAPTERS.

The following new chapters under dispensation have been warranted since the Grand Chapter met.

Nov. 12, Klona, Washington Co. (Naomi) with Mrs. Carrie Brooke, as W. M., and Wm. G. Palmer, as Secretary.

Nov. 26, Waucoma, Fayette Co., (Standard) with Mrs. Ida Webster, as W. M., and Mrs. Emma Dodd, Secretary.

Jan 7, Fonda, (Golden Rod), Mrs. M. S. Mallison, W. M.; Dr. Chas. Whitney, Sec'y.

Jan. 27, Auburn, (Golden Cord), Mrs. Emily Williams, W. M.; Miss Mamie Basler, Secretary.

Jan. 31, Jessup, (Good Samaritan), Mrs. Nellie McMurry, W. M.; Nellie Cheeseboro, Secretary.

There are rumors of the Order being established in Mexico.

There are 300 Chapters and 15,000 members of the Eastern Star in Illinois.

The Chapter at Williamsburg, under the care of efficient officers, is making fine progress.

California gives the Grand Patron's name at the head of the Grand Chapter officers. Wrong.

The Grand Chapters of New York, Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey are independent and use the Macoy ritual.

We have received the Journal of Proceedings, General Grand Chapter O. E. S. held at Boston, Aug. 29—30, 1895. We note a few quotations elsewhere.

...The FEZ....

Devoted to the Interests of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America.

THE FEZ.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 1896.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba. Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1895-6.

CHAS L. FIELD.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
San Francisco, Cal.

J. T. Brush.....Imperial Deputy Potentate
Indianapolis, Indiana

Harrison Dingman.....Imperial Chief Rabban
Washington, D. C.

Ed. R. Harris.....Imperial Assistant Rabban
Detroit, Michigan.

A. B. McGaffey.....Imperial High Priest
Denver, Colo.

Ethelbert F. Allen.....Imperial Oriental Guide
Kansas City, Missouri.

William S. Brown.....Imperial Treasurer
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL.....IMPERIAL RECORDER
Boston, Massachusetts.

Wm. H. S. Wright.....Imperial I Ceremonial Master
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Thomas J. Bishop.....Imperial II Ceremonial Master
Albany, New York.

R. M. Johnson.....Imperial Marshal
Chicago, Ill.

John H. Atwood.....Imperial Captain of Guard
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Horace K. Blanchard.....Imperial Outer Guard
Providence, Rhode Island.

Members ad Vitam:

1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Members Emeritus.

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan.,—John H. Atwood, Peter J. Freling, Alfred B. Keller.
Afifi, Tacoma, Wash.—Hamilton Allan.
Algeria, Helena, Mont.—George H. Casey.
Al Kader, Portland, Ore.—L. G. Clark.
Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, Cal.—Frank Rader, Chas. Campbell.
Ararat, Kansas City, Mo.—Ethelbert F. Allen, William H. Brown, J D. Havens, Arnold Shanklin.
Ballut Abyad, Albuquerque, N. M.—Joseph H. Kuhns.
Ben Hur, Austin, Tex.—Charles S. Morse.
El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah—Arthur M. Grant.
El Katif, Spokane, Wash.—Henry L. Kennan.
El Zagal, Fargo, N. D.—W. B. Douglass, C. A. Hale.
El-Jebel. Denver, Col.—A. B. McGaffey, A. F. Vick Roy, Thomas Nicholl, R. H. Whitley.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Geo. Woltz Bever, M. S. Rizer, A. D. Brown, John Westley Geiger.
El-Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D.—A. B. Kittredge, Geo. W. Burnside, W. R. Burkholder.
Hella, Dallas, Tex.—Lawrence M. Knepfly, Geo. H. Green, Joseph Swope.
Isis, Salina, Kan.—Edward W. Wellington, John F. Merrill, James A. Kimball, Edward A. Wharton.
Islam, San Francisco, Cal.—Charles L. Field, Victor D. Duboce, Reuben H. Lloyd, Charles L. Patton.
India, Oklahoma City, O. T.—F. H. Reed.
Kaaba, Davenport, Ia.—G. M. Titus, Hon. W. I. Babb, C. T. Darling, Geo. F. White.
Korein. Rawlins, Wyo.—J. C. Davis.
Media, Watertown, N. Y.—W. G. McCord, W. B. Sessions, D. G. Eggleston.
Medinah, Chicago, Ill.—Chester T. Drake, Rob't. M. Johnson, Frank C. Roundy, William Johnston.
Mohammed, Peoria, Ill.—George F. Henthorne.
Moila, St. Jo, Mo.—Joseph S. Browne, James W. Boyd.
Moolah. St. Louis, Mo.—G. W. Neiman, B. F. Nelson, A. Moore Berry, Otto F. Stifel.
Naja, Deadwood, S. D.—Daniel K. Dickenson.
Osman. St. Paul, Minn.—W. H. S. Wright, T. W. Hugo, H. C. Hope, James F. Lawless.
Sahara, Pine Bluff, Ark —John T. Marsh.
Salaam, Olney, Ill.—G. D. Slanker.
Sesostris, Lincoln, Neb.—Dr. Geo. H. Simmons, Chas. E. Casey, Fred J. Benedict.
Syrian, Cincinnati, O.—O. W. B. Melish, *Ad Vitam*. M. L. Buchwalter, J. H. Bromwell, Levi C. Goodale, Allen Andrews
Tangier, Omaha, Neb.—Eli A. Barnes, Henry C. Atkins, Ira O Rhoades Philip M. Rose.
Tebala, Rockford, Ill.—Geo. R. Atkinson.
Tripoli, Milwaukee, Wis —Eugene S. Elliott, Luther L. Caufy, William H. Brazier.
Zuhrah. Minneapolis, Minn.—John A. Schlener, J. B. Hudson, R. H. Hartley.

THE LATEST NEWS.

El Katif, Spokane, Wash., held a ceremonial session and banquet Feb. 12; Rajah, Reading, Pa., had a "Tanta Fair" on the same date; Zuhrah assembled on the 13th; El Jebel on the 14th: Irem, the young one, Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the 19th: Hella, of Dallas, on the 20th, and Syrian on the 28th. The last named must be conceded the palm on the handsome get up of their notice. Their Potentate looks as natural as life.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

Morocco, Jacksonville, Fla.

Kismet, Brooklyn, New York.

Korein, Rawlins, Wyo., Jan. 24.

Sesostris, Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 22.

Moolah, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 15, 1896. Installation.

Hamasa, Meridian, Miss., Feb. 18. Pilgrimage to Jackson.

We are in receipt of notices of meetings under dates given below:

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at Clinton. Class of 20; great success.

Boumi, Baltimore, Md., Jan. 29. Ladies' night Feb. 12, without further notice.

Thanks to Moila, of St. Joseph, Mo,, for an invitation to their reception Jan. 24, 1896.

Pyramid, Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 30. For smoke nuisance apply to Chicago, Ill.

El-Jebel and El-Kaleb are having a joint session at Leadville on Feb. 14. What a time they'll have!

Medinah, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27, 1895. Annual meeting. Printed reports; a good thing. We note it.

Zem Zem, Jan. 23, Erie, Pa. Work, reception; ladies included in the latter. Bassett, fix that clock!

Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10, entertained Islam, of San Francisco. Imperial Potentate paid an official visit.

Almas, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31. "A Bill" imposing specific duties, and for the relief of all Shriners and for other purposes.

Lu Lu, Phila., Pa., sends out Illustrious Potentate Shaffer's portrait and a notice of a meeting for February 5. They also announce a band concert for Feb. 29.

Aleppo, Boston, Mass., Feb. 19. "Smoke Talk." Ceremonial Session on Feb. 26.

Mecca, New York, Tanta Fair. "Sick list" and "employment wanted" kept up.

Syrian, Cincinnati, O., Feb. 28. Annual feast. Want 200 candidates. Big list of futures.

Ismalia, Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 11, seventh annual reception and ball. Thanks for invitation.

India, Oklahoma City, O. T., has a large project up for Feb. 27, and the "Sooners" will then get the grand rush.

Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill., is booked for February 26, 1896, with a class of "twenty poor unfortunate Bedouins."

Acca, Richmond, Va., form of a "decree" "greenbacks or gold" called for. Dr. Ross' poem, "The Pilgrim's Warning," is good.

Medinah, Chicago, portraits of Potentate and Recorder, life-like and bland. "Employment wanted" and "Missing" list. Committee on "Fraternal Greeting" is good.

Saladin, Grand Rapids, Mich., is on for her Annual Midwinter Fair, Feb. 21. If that sweet little one whose portrait embellishes the front of the notice belongs either to Winsor or Fink, she's lots prettier than both of them, though they are not ill to look upon.

India Temple, Oklahoma City, O. T., has chosen the following officers for 1896:

Potentate—Lee Van Winkle.
Chief Rabban—Fred. W. Goodrich.
Assistant Rabban—

OPEN FOR LECTURES.

Rev. J. M. Ferris, a member of El-Kahir and the various Masonic bodies, is prepared to lecture for any of the occasions where addresses are needed. His address is Clinton, Iowa. Write to him. He'll do the rest.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

Since last month we have been called upon to mourn the death of the following beloved nobles of El-Kahir Temple:

Thomas A. Burbank, Jan. 7.
Paul Nandell, Jan. 20.
Harry T. Milliken (dimitted), Jan. 27.

NOT DELINQUENT.

The name of Noble Abner Graves has been upon the missing list, because letters addressed to his business office last known, have been returned to this office. He is not delinquent, nor has he been at any time. This statement is made because Noble Graves feels that the item on Missing Nobles reflected upon him.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
A. G. Smith,	Ft. Collins, Col.
Geo. J. Miller,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
A. F. Graham,	Mason City, Iowa.

ON TO LE MARS.

The Illustrious Potentate has indicated that El-Kahir will go to Le Mars on or about April 9, 1896.

EL-KAHIR AT CLINTON.

By far, one of the most pleasant meetings El-Kahir has ever held, (and there have been many pleasant ones), was that at Clinton, on Jan. 31. About two hundred Arabs thronged the Windsor (headquarters), and the club rooms of the Masonic building. Twenty candidates were enlisted and "became as servants unto us." Every feature deserves praise and the banquet was simply elegant. No offensive "refreshments" were served anywhere, and we are proud of the unanimous approval expressed for this course. The trip was made over the C. & N. W., and with Noble M. S. Riser as Superintendent, and the Tyler as Conductors, we had it all our own way. Our own W. S. Gardner and the gentlemanly Nobles of Clinton deserve thanks for their untiring devotion to our comfort. Mine host, Noble C. P. Kaynor, of the Windsor, turned his tent over to the Arabs and all felt welcome. By 3:15 Saturday morning, the official divan was stowed away in a chair car and enroute for Cedar Rapids, a happy, tired lot of Shriners.

PASSPORTS 1896.

The Recorder is pleased to announce to all El-Kahir Nobles that he is ready to issue Passports of the new form to all whose dues are paid for 1896 or beyond, and that they will be needed in visiting other Temples as a copy in blank has been sent to each Recorder throughout the Imperial realm.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL TRIP.

As there is no doubt of reduced rates to Cleveland, Ohio, for the Imperial Council in June next, and as there will be a round of lake and rail side trips on that occasion, those who want reservations in the El-Kahir sleeper should look ahead and let the Recorder know.

JEWELS.

The Recorder has made arrangements to have button-hole jewels on hand at all meetings for sale, and Nobles can rest assured that they will be the best. Mail orders filled for 50 cents to $1.00.

DUES ARE DUE.

Nobles of El-Kahir will confer a great favor upon the Recorder, with but little trouble for themselves, if they will remit by check or draft instead of waiting until the rush of the Meetings to pay dues.

TO RECORDERS.

El-Kahir Temple issues a Passport to all her nobles who are in good standing—*good to the 31st of December following.* We will consider it a favor if such Passports are honored when they bear the official seal of this Temple.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Illustrious Potentate is arranging dates for meetings at Le Mars, Sioux City, Charles City and Ames, during this year.

Prospective Meetings are in course of fixing for LeMars, Charles City and Manchester, with Ft. Dodge to hear from.

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